

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF

THE KEMPER COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
THE BAY SPRINGS CHURCH
October 24-26, 1924.

OFFICERS

S. C. TRAMMELL, Moderator.....SCOоба, MISS.
A. C. FURR, Clerk and Treasurer.....SCOоба, MISS.

NEXT MEETING

PLACE:.....SCOоба, MISS.

TIME:.....10:00 A. M., Friday Before Fourth Sunday in October, 1925.

Minutes Of The Kemper County Baptist Association.

The Kemper County Baptist Association met in its Fourth Annual Session with the Bay Springs Baptist Church, Friday, October 24, 1924, at 10:30 a. m. The Association was called to order by Bro. J. H. Newton.

After the devotional exercises, the Clerk called the roll of churches, and enrolled the Messengers:

Antioch.....	H. H. Stewart
Bay Springs.....	W. J. McDade, O. B. McDade, Harvey Cherry, I. S. Ray.
Binnsville.....	Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Evans, W. H. Olaphant.
Blackwater.....	K. W. Sevrance, J. M. McWilliams
Center Rridge.....	W. R. McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Key.
DeKalb.....	Rev. and Mrs. Bob Bell, D. P. Davis, Mrs. C. T. Rush.
Electric Mills.....	Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. M. Henley.
Friendship.....	Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Burnett, Mrs. J. E. Sanders, Jessie Moore.
Philadelphia.....	Mrs. Glin Gordy, Mrs. Earnest Knighter
Scooba.....	S. C. Trammell, Mrs. A. C. Furr
Stonewall.....	John Jourdan, Will Hall
Union Hall.....	By Letter
Wahalak.....	J. A. Denton, W. M. Pope

The order of business was the election of officers which resulted in the electing of Bro. S. C. Trammell as Moderator, and A. C. Furr as Clerk and Treasurer.

There was a Committee appointed to report on the recommended programs, as follows:

J. M. McWilliams, D. P. Davis, H. H. Stewart.

The following visiting brethern were recognized and given a seat with us:

J. E. Byrd, L. E. Lightsey from the State Board, W. L. Crafton, Clark College, B. S. Vaughan, J. L. Williams, Lauderdale County, J. H. Newton, Columbus.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Finance:

L. S. Ray, Jessie Moore, Guy Jack.

On Digest or Letters:

Bob Bell, G. W. Burnett, O. B. McDade.

Bro. Newton asked that Bro. J. E. Byrd take his place, and preach the Association Sermon. This being agreed upon, Bro. Byrd preached one of his best Sermons, Text 1, Peter 3:15, Subject: "Christian Intelligence."

The Program Committee made report, recommending the adoption of the program as suggested. It was carried.

A motion was made for every church in the Association to have a special pay-up day on the 75 Million Campaign.

After several announcements were made, Bro. J. L. Williams dismissed the Association for the noon hour with prayer.

Friday Afternoon.

The Association reassembled for the afternoon session. Bro. Bob Bell conducted the devotional services.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. Salem church presented their letter asking to be admitted into the Association. They were unanimously received, and Miss Mary Gay and Mrs. Mary Kellis were recognized and given a seat in the Association as Messengers from Salem church.

The next order of business was the reading of the Report on Christian Education, by Bro. S. C. Trammell. The same was discussed by S. C. Trammell, J. E. Byrd, B. S. Vaughan, W. L. Griffin, L. E. Lightsey and J. H. Newton. The Report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

Education is the foundation of advancement, when Christ came into the world it was to teach. He was endowed with wisdom from the Great Master and went forth teaching and educating the people and God blessed his wonderful work. Today we are enjoying His educational work throughout the nations of the world. Education enabled Columbus to discover America 432 years ago. See the wonderful advancement that has

been brought by education of the world. Today we stand the foremost nation of the world Christainized by the blessed Gospel of our blessed Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Christian education is the most sublime enjoyment given to mankind. This is crystalized around the family circle, where the child is taught at its mother's knee lisping the sweet words of prayer. The family assembling around the alter of prayer, the beautiful teachings of heaven and eternal glory, are indelibly planted in the minds and hearts, that lives throughout life, in the Christian Educational advancement. Let us pray that God will lead us back in the ways of the days of our dear old family alters, that we may educate our children in the parts of peace, the beauties of holiness, overshadowed in righteousness, in brotherly love, that knoweth no bounds, that we may love our neighbor as our self, with God's precious promises, that will strengthen our faith and brighten our hope of a glorious immortality.

We should rejoice in praise for our Christian Educational Institutions, The Mississippi College, Mississippi Womans College, Blue Mountain College, Clark Memorial College. These are our State Colleges, owned and supported by Baptist. Then we have the Baptist Bible Institute, The South Western Baptist Theological Seminary, The Judson College of our sister state, Alabama, the Baylon College of the great Baptist State of Texas. Combine the work and co-operation of these great Christian Educational Institutions, in Spiritual Power and God's Kingdom on earth would be a tower of strength in the Salvation of Souls for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. Trammell,

Chairman.

The Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Saturday Morning.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The devotional Services were conducted by Bro. W. L. Graftin.

Messengers from Binnisville, Electric Mills and Wahalak churches were enrolled.

KEMPER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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The following Committees were appointed:

Committee on Nomination: J. W. Servins, Mrs. E. E. Hall and H. H. Stewart.

Committee on Obituaries: J. L. Williams, Mrs. C. T. Rush and Mrs. Glin Gordia.

Committee on Resolutions: Bob Bell, S. H. Evans, W. M. Pope, M. M. Henley and Mrs. A. C. Furr.

The Treasurer made his report, which was accepted as made:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount brought forward.....	\$11.54
Amount sent in by churches and public offering	85.56
Total.....	\$97.10

Paid out for printing of Minutes.....	\$55.00
Paid to Clerk.....	20.00
Postage and Printing of Programs.....	4.70
Printing of Programs of 1923.....	2.50
Cash on Hand.....	14.90
Total.....	\$97.10

A. C. FURR,
Clerk and Treas.

The next order of business was the reading of the report on Missions by Bro. Bob Bell. The same was discussed by Bro. Bell, L. E. Lightsey, W. L. Craften, J. H. Newton and J. L. Williams. After which the report was accepted.

KEMPER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REPORT ON MISSIONS.

1. Associational Missions.

(1) W. M. S. Activities.

The Womans Missionary Societies have 5 definite aims which they purpose to carry out in the accomplishment of their work, namely: Supplication, Stewardship, Study, Service, and Soul Winning.

A standard of excellence containing 10 points is placed before each local society to help the same fulfill these definite aims.

During 1924 the W. M. S. has organized work in 64 Associations. An Associational Superintendent and a Young People's Leader is at work in each of these Associations and reaching out to help adjoining Associations. There are 770 W. M. S's. and 651 Young People's Auxiliaries working a total of 1421 organizations. The chief aims of these organizations as in the past, are Prayer Missions, Bible Study, Stewartship, Personal Service and Soul Winning. 10,000 seals and nearly 3,000 certificates have been awarded for Mission Study.

This work of the women in our churches lies deep in the heart of every pastor and finds its greatest expression in the Soul Winning efforts during the revival season in our churches. There are two regular workers on the field.

2. Laymen's Work.

The Laymen have no distinctive organization in Mississippi except an Executive Committee of 6 leading Laymen who are appointed each year by the State Convention. This committee advises with the other leaders of our denominational work in planning and executing the various programs for the advancement of the Kingdom work.

We have in our state Laymen's Leagues which should be connected with the local church in which they are trained to do a larger work than they are accomplishing under their present program. With the local pastor as instructor and Layman as leader these consecrated men would be an inspiration to others in interpreting 2 Tim. 2:15.

3. Missions Within The State.

(1) Enlistment.

We have had in the field 4 regular district enlistment men who give their time mostly in pastorless churches that the membership of our churches may be enlisted in

every place of Kingdom work and that a more united effort of the past of all may result.

(2) Evangelism.

God has bestowed unwonted favor upon the labors of the Missionaries and Evangelists of the Board. Meetings of great power have been brought to Christ. Fields notably hard, where for years, we have been laying foundations, are coming to be self supporting and are to have a part in our next program for larger tasks in His name.

(3) Supplementary Pastorial Support.

The Board is assisting in the paying of the salary of 72 pastors in different parts of the state. This amount assists 125 churches which without this supplementary salary could not keep a pastor on the field giving his full time to the church or churches he is serving.

4. Church Building.

The largest item of work for the year is that of appropriations to church buildings which amounted to \$40,000.00. Without this help many of our people would be worshipping in other churches or be without a church house. This is one of our greatest needs today. Let us pray that our people will see their gifts dedicated to God and that our Father's House shall be a place of prayer.

(4) Missions in the S. B. C.

The Home Mission Board of the S. B. C., is bringing the Mission Message of the Master home to every Christian heart. The Negro of the South, the Indian of the West, the Foreigner of the East, and the Mountaineer are all waiting for the message of Salvation. The need is great and as we have a great God, the supply in Him is always adequate to the demand. Let us as Southern Baptists lay hold of that Grace and Power always sufficient and go forth in Jesus name to a glorious victory, that the world may see the living Christ in the heart and homes of Christian America. In the homes of the Mountaineers, the light of day shines on and the light of

God's love will shine out in a great ray of Hope, for as the Scripture has said, "Out of His life shall flow rivers of living water."

During the period of the 75 Million Campaign 802,382 Sermons were preached by our Home Board Evangelists.

- 101,075 Prayer Meetings conducted.
- 1,238,210 Religious visits made.
- 203,532 Baptisms in the Southland.
- 324,086 Additions to our churches.
- 4,667 Workers' Conferences held.
- 15,049 Volunteers for Christian service.
- 2,225 Church Houses built or improved.
- 3,183 Sunday Schools organized.
- 55,533 Copies of Scripture distributed.
- 35,812,479 Tracts given away.

These are facts and figures, but let the Spirit of the Master magnify our service, that we may go onward as Christian believers with the Cross of Jesus going on before.

(5) World Wide Missions.

Only with a world-wide vision can we as Baptist, go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

With every nation tired of war, with its kindred struggles, we are giving the Gospel of peace that the Prince of Peace may rule and reign supreme in every life.

95 Missionaries waiting to go to work. What are we waiting for? Speak, that my people may go forward. Returned Missionaries tell of wonderful conversations, self-supporting churches, hospitals and orphanages. They are all anxious to return that others may hear the story of God's love in all the world. Let us give ourselves, that in the study of the World-wide need, we will give that others may carry to the utmost part the message of Salvation from God's Holy Word.

In this report, the Mission Message is the good tidings we carry. Prayer is the starting point; Gifts will carry it; Sermons will receive it; God will bless it to the ends of the earth. The song of victory is the shout of Christian

Soldiers as we follow Christ until the battles won, and we hear Him say, "Welcome, enter into the joy of thy God."

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Bell,

Isa 41-10.

The congregation stood and sang "Lord I Give My Life To Thee." After which the Association was dismissed by prayer led by Bro. J. L. Williams.

Saturday Afternoon.

The Association reassembled for business, aftersong and prayer services, the Moderator called for the Report on Nomination. This report was read by Bro. Newton. After much discussion as to the authority of the Committee in recommending the members of the Executive Board of Church Organizations in their report, it was agreed that they had this authority. After the adding of the names of this Board to their report, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee, on Nominations, time and place, make the following report:

Place of Meeting, ~~Scoba~~, Scooba.

Time, Friday before the Fourth (4th) Sunday in October 1925.

Bro. J. H. Newton preached the Associational Sermon.

Some State Worker preached the other Sermon.

The following are Chairmen of Committees to prepare reports for the next meeting of the Association:

Social Service, J. M. McWilliams.

Christian Education, Mrs. John Clark.

Missions, Rev. Bob Bell.

That Bro. E. E. Hall be recommended to the State Mission Convention Board as a member of that branch.

That A. C. Furr be sent as Messenger to the State Convention.

Bro. J. W. Severence,

Sister E. E. Hall,

Bro. H. H. Stewart.

The report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. C. T. Rush. This report was discussed by Bro. S. C. Trammell and J. H. Newton. A motion was made that Bro. W. L. Graftin would lead a prayer for the bereaved of our Association who had lost some of their loved ones since our last meeting. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee, on Obituaries, make the following report:

That since the last meeting of our Association, God has seen fit to remove from the walks of life 10 of our members. We feel that all things work together for good to them that love God. We extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully,

Mrs. C. T. Rush,
J. L. Williams,
Mrs. Glen Gordy,
Committee.

Bro. Lightsey made a talk on "Take Heed As To What You Read." This talk very appropriate.

The Report on Digest of Letters was made by Bro. Bell. The same was discussed by Bell, Furr and Williams. The report was adopted.

The Association adjourned until Sunday morning, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. Bro. Lightsey led the closing prayer.

Sunday Morning.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Bro. A. C. Furr lead the devotional.

A motion was made to defer the report on Social Service untill the afternoon.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the services were turned over to Bro. Lightsey, who preached from Matt. 6.33, Subject, "Putting God First."

At the close of Bro. Lightsey's message, an offering was

taken for the Orphanage home at Jackson, which resulted in raising \$26.00 for this purpose.

The Association adjourned for noon.

Sunday Afternoon.

The Association reassembled for the closing exercises of the Association. After a short song and prayer services, the Moderator called for the reading of the Report on Social Services. Bro. McWilliams, who was Chairman of this report, being absent, Bro. E. E. Hall was asked to make and read this report. This report was discussed by Bro. Hall, A. C. Furr and J. L. Williams. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

1. Social Service In General.

Social Service is applied Christianity. It is following the example of our Saviour "who went about doing good." It is exemplifying that pure and undefiled religion which visits the fatherless and widows in their affliction. It is meeting the challenge of love as given in I. John 3:17: But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Social Service is putting the leaven of the Gospel into the whole social lump until society is purified therewith. It is the process of weaving into our social fabric the warp and woof of Christianity.

Social Service is that part of our Baptist program which seeks to deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease and everything that concern society as a whole. It looks beyond the case of individual need to the cause of that need and its effect upon society.

Social problems must be met and mastered not only by the churches as such, but by the Christian citizenship which gathers into and grows out of the churches of Jesus Christ.

Christian citizens deal with these problems: (1) through preventive measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measures, prisons,

asylums, reformatories; and (3) through relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, Good Will Centers, care of old preachers, etc.

Every agency that seeks to deal with these problems along lines consistent with Baptist principles should have the heartiest co-operation of our churches.

Some such agencies, not under Baptist direction, are as follows:

1. Law Enforcement.

Aside from the local machinery for law enforcement in every community, the agencies that should have the fullest sympathy and aid from every loyal Baptist in the prosecution of their work are the Anti-Saloon League, headed by Dr. T. J. Bailey, Supt., Jackson, and the Federal Prohibition Enforcement officers, headed by Mr. M. H. Daily, Prohibition Director, Jackson. The work of these departments cannot be made effective except through the active co-operation of the churches. The moral standing of any community depends upon the standards fixed by the churches. No community will have more moonshining and bootleggers than is countenanced by the churches.

The Federal Prohibition Director makes the following statement in reference to the co-operation received by his department from the Baptists of Mississippi:

"Quite a large percentage of the cases made by this office have been the direct result of the helpful influence and suggestion coming from the Baptist denomination. Its ministers, laymen and Woman's Missionary Societies have been alert to report all infractions of the law coming under their observation. We acknowledge with grateful appreciation this splendid service for the enforcement of law and order, and especially thank the ladies of your Missionary Societies for their untiring efforts to promote the work chargeable to this office.

"We earnestly solicit your influence in having Congress make adequate appropriation for our work and your continued co-operation in helping to reduce the cost of bringing offenders to justice by giving information so definite and reliable that violations may be determined and arrests made with the least possible expense."

2. Good Will Center.

Mississippi has but one Good Will Center. This is located in the mill district of Meridian. It is directly under the management of Miss Millie Mae McLellan, a graduate of the Louisville Training School. Miss McLellan lives in the Good Will Center Home where she has one assistant. Together they look after this home, where they do their own housekeeping, where they have a day nursery for children whose mothers work out, and where the various clubs of Good Will Center hold their meetings. The building is not large, but the hall for public meetings is commodious and attractive. Miss McLellan works out from this Center in all portions of the city. She does this by personal visits, and by the use of the telephone, which by the way, is one of the most useful implements in this part of the city, for it is so placed that it may be used night and day; and there is scarcely a night that hurry calls are not made over it for either physician or hospital.

This report could be made largely statistical; for the number of visits made in the interest of God's work, the number of little children cared for, the amount of necessary clothing given out, the number of pupils taught in night schools, the number of boys and girls reached by the various clubs, and the number of disheartened women who are sent away with words of cheer—all these, if enumerated, would run up into the thousands.

Our Good Will Center is doing God's service. Let us in every way in our power encourage the work.

The Committee on Finance reports to have received \$87.79 from the churches and \$26.04 from the public offering. Making a total of \$113.83, collected.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, we have been more thoroughly impressed by the 75 Million Campaign with the need of regular and systematic giving all through the year, and whereas, we as a denomination, must continue to go forward and to

go forward we must look ahead and plan ahead;

Be it therefore, Resolved, That we, the Kemper County Baptist Association, in Annual Convention assembled, signify our approval of:

1. That we ask that all the churches of this Association to enter into 1925 Campaign most earnestly.

2. A united effort for teaching Stewardship and Budget plan for denominational work of the Baptist churches of our state.

3. That this Association go down on record as favoring the full enforcement of the Prohibition Law, and that we urge investigation in every part of the county, promising the court the full support of the churches of this Association.

4. That this Association extend a cordial invitation to all Baptist churches in Kemper County to join this body.

5. That the Association allow the clerk \$25.00 for his services in preparing the Minutes of the Association.

6. That this Association express its appreciation to the following brethren for their help and inspiring addresses.

7. That we extend our thanks to the members of Bay Springs church pastor and the people of the community for their hospitality and their untiring interest in our welfare.

Mrs. M. M. Henly.

Mrs. A. C. Furr.

S. N. Evans.

W. M. Pope.

Bob Bell.

REPORT OF BAPTIST HOSPITAL

No. Patients treated from August 1923 to August 1924,
—1,850.

No. Charity Patients treated from August 1923 to
August 1924—188.

Cost of running hospital from August 1923 to August
1924—\$66,175.64.

Cost of treating charity from August 1923 to August
1924—\$6,245.55.

Value of Hospital and Nurses Home—\$225,000.00.

Amount of Indebtedness, not including interest—
\$51,063.40.

Capacity of Hospital—75 beds.

No. Nurses in training—28.

No. Operating Rooms—3.

No. X-Ray Machines—3.

No. Physicians and Surgeons on Staff—26.

Needs for grading and putting brick or concrete wall
around property—\$2,000.00.

Equipment for hospital, dressing tables and rocking
chairs for 36 rooms.

Need Nurses' Home.

Respectfully,

E. E. Hall,
Chairman.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

We give the following facts about the Baptist Orphanage for the past year. We have had an average of 170 children during the year. The health of the children has been good. We have had no death and only a few cases of sickness.

Our crop has been greatly damaged by the dry weather. Our finances are unusually short. We have had to borrow already \$2,000 and will likely have to borrow \$2,000 or \$3,000 more unless our brethern come up promptly with their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign.

We have had an unusual number of applications for the last few weeks and it looks now like we will have to run to full capacity next year.

We are completing the Superintendent's home, a two-story brick building estimated to cost \$10,000; but by doing much of the work ourselves, it will cost much less.

This building will add much to the Orphanage property and it completes the general plan of the Orphanage plant. Fortunately we had the money laid aside for this building and I think we will be able to pay for it when it is completed.

I hope our brethern will remember us and help us in our effort to care for our children and enable us to come out in good shape this fall.

The congregation stood and sang, "Bless Be The Tide That Flow." Then the Association adjourned to meet with the Scooba Baptist church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1925.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known as the Kemper County Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches in Kemper County and such other outlying churches which may feel that they can best promote the interests of the Master's kingdom by membership with us.

3. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates and one additional for each fifty members above the first fifty, all ordained ministers holding membership in or being a pastor of churches in this Association shall be seated as delegates.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected at the beginning of each annual session of the body; and shall discharge the duties incumbent upon such officers.

5. The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist, combine and direct the energies of the sister hood of churches in Missions—Home, Foreign and State—Christian Education, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Hospitals, Orphanages, Aged Ministers' Relief, and such other interests as will promote the Master's interests among men.

6. The Association shall meet annually at a time and place designated by the Association in session, or by the Moderator in council with the Executive Committee.

7. The Association shall elect annually one brother from each church of the Association, who together with the Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duties shall be to look after the interests of the Association during the interim of the annual meetings of the body.

8. The delegates shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointment as delegates and containing such other information as may be deemed important to the Association and its work.

9. This Association admits the right of any church to withdraw at any time from this body without giving any reason for so doing, and it reserves the right to withdraw from and disown any or all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming either heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

10. This Association may have a fund, to be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches or individuals, which fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and to be paid out by him on order of the Moderator on instructions from the Association in session or through its Executive Committee during the interim in annual sessions.

11. This body shall be purely advisory in its purpose and work, and shall never in any way usurp the ability of the churches, or infringe upon the independence and individual rights of the churches.

12. This Association shall appoint at each annual session two preachers to prepare and preach at the next meeting of the Association, one to preach the Associational or introductory sermon, the other to preach on some distinctive doctrine of the Baptist denomination.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended as experience may dictate, at any annual meeting; provided the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been presented to the Association at any annual meeting at least one year previous to the act making the change, and shall be concurred in by two-thirds of the membership present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient; co-equal and eternal.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were written by inspiration of God, and that they are our only all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself in the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith, unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last day.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth, and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature; therefore, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment; and that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ Jesus is composed of only baptized believers, covenanted together to keep house for the Lord, and carry on His work according to the principles of the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that His government is with the Church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are

the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued till the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that the immersin of a believer in water, alone is baptism, and can be administered only by those duly and regularly set apart by the Church, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

13. We believe that only regular baptized believers, who are in full fellowship with the doctrines of the Church, are eligible partakers of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The officers of this Association shall hold their positions till their successors are duly elected.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings, or call some one to the chair while he speaks on a subject, or absents himself from the chair for cause; he shall appoint all committees, with the sanction of this Association, explain questions, administer reproof when necessary and decide between contending claims. He may vote only in case of tie. He shall be deemed a judge of order and his judgment shall be final unless there be some one to appeal from his decision to the Association by two-thirds vote, before the close of that particular session of the meeting. He shall also be chairman of the Executive Committee and preside over its meetings.

4. The Clerk-Treasurer shall enroll the names of the delegates (immediately after the opening of the Association by prayer, led by the Moderator, or some one whom he may appoint), and on each succeeding day of the ses-

sion shall call the roll of delegates, noting the absentees. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of each session of the body and discharge such other duties as the body may direct. He shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee.

5. Members wishing to speak shall address the Moderator. Only one member shall be permitted to speak at a time, and the one first rising, unless he depart from the subject, or indulge in invective.

6. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the Association.

7. No member shall leave the meeting of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

8. Every motion duly seconded, after due discussion, shall be put to vote unless it be withdrawn by the mover, before another motion is in order.

9. Members shall use the term Brother in speaking to or of each other in the meetings.

10. These rules shall be read at each annual session of the Association.

11. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual session by majority vote of those members present.

12. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice shall be adopted as standard in the government of this body.

13. In all motions coming up for consideration, a majority vote shall rule, except in case of an appeal from the chair or an amendment to the Constitution, which requires two-thirds vote.

LIST OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CHURCH ORGANIZERS

ANTIOCH	H. H. STUART
BAY SPRINGS	O. B. McDADE
BINNSVILLE	S. H. EVANS
BLACKWATER	J. M. McWILLIAMS
CENTER RIDGE	S. W. KEY
DEKALB	D. P. DAVIS
ELECTRIC MILLS	M. M. HENDLEY
FRIENDSHIP	I. A. SANDERS
PHILADELPHIA	MISS DOLLIE HOPPER
SALEM	B. H. PALMER
SCOoba	I. H. LANIER
STONEWALL	MRS. JOHN HUNTER
WAHALAK	A. J. DENTON
UNION HILL	MISS O. S. VANDEVENDER

LIST OF THE DEAD

Mrs. O. Aust

Mrs. Sallie Aust

Mrs. W. D. Jackson

Mrs. S. D. Moore

Mrs. Mary Slaughter

Mrs. W. M. Charlston

James Jack

Rufus Lang

A. E. Baker

J. E. Jones

CHURCH DIRECTORY-MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Regular Days Or Service	GAINS, LOSSES			Total Mem- bership	Revivals Meetings	No. Baptist Record	Value of Ch. Property	Pastor's Home
				Baptism	Letter	Letter	Death				
Antioch	J. L. Williams, Daleville	J. N. Moore, Scooba	1st	2	5		96	1	2	\$1,000	\$
Bay Springs	J. L. Williams, Daleville	Willard McDade, DeKalb	4th	2	2	5	80	1		1,000	
Binnsville	A. C. Furr, Scooba	Mrs. Alma Evans, Gelser, Ala.	3rd	5			36	1	2	1,500	
Blackwater	Bob Bell, DeKalb	H. W. Davis, Daleville	1st	5	1	5	93	1	7	1,000	\$33.00
Center Ridge	Bob Bell, DeKalb	S. W. Key, DeKalb	2nd				50	1		400	\$33.00
DeKalb	Bob Bell, DeKalb	S. R. Rogers, DeKalb	4th	4	10	3	60		10	2,500	\$33.00
Electric Mills	J. H. Newton, Columbus	C. G. McKroy, Electric Mills	1st	7	14	4	30	1	10		
Friendship	J. H. Newton, Columbus	L. A. Sanders, Portersville	3rd	2	1	4	35	1	3	800	
Philadelphia	J. L. Williams, Daleville	Miss Doile Hopper, Portersville	3rd				27	1		600	
Salem	H. T. Fulton, Louisville	B. C. Palmer, Cholson	1st	2	1		11	1	10	800	
Scooba	A. C. Furr, Scooba	G. C. Boyd, Scooba	1st-2nd	6	3	4	85	1	24	2,000	2,000.00
Stonewall	J. L. Williams, Daleville	Mrs. Kaye Hunter, DeKalb	2nd	8	4		86	1	1		
Union Hill		O. N. Vandevender, Cholson	2nd	4	3		27	1			
Wahala	A. C. Furr, Scooba	Mrs. E. W. Bethney, Wahala	4th	1		2	26	1	4	950	
				46	41	33	10	513	73		

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	LOCAL CHURCH TREASURERS	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Ministerial Help	Literature for S. S. and B. Y. P. U.	Other Objects	Total Local Contributions	75 Million Cmpg. Fnd.	TREASURER OF MISSIONS and BENEVOLENCES
Antioch	J. N. Moore	\$ 103.10	\$	\$ 43.44	\$	\$ 5.50	\$ 152.00	\$ 33.00	J. N. Moore
Bay Springs	C. C. McDade	100.00	22.83	36.36		12.54	171.73	19.21	C. C. McDade
Binnsville	W. W. Davis C. C. McDade	22.83		36.00	8.00		136.00		Mrs. Alma Evans
Blackwater	H. W. Davis	350.00		43.00		32.50	425.50		E. H. Moseley
Center Ridge	S. W. Key	300.00	15.00	42.00			342.00	30.00	S. W. Key
DeKalb	Dr. J. A. Key	350.00		100.00		28.00	493.00		E. E. Hall
Electric Mills	E. E. Hall	400.03				15.00	415.00	317.00	L. A. Sanders
Friendship	J. A. Sanders	137.50		48.70			186.20	50.00	
Philadelphia	Mrs. Dollie Hopper	53.35		28.80		9.50	93.69	6.00	
Salem		150.00	325.00	30.00	10.00		515.00	60.00	
Scobbs	I. H. Lanier	\$900.00		198.00	30.00	110.00	1,138.00	317.31	J. W. Griffin
Stopewall	Mrs. Kate Hunter	41.60	75.00	20.15		3.60	140.35	3.11	
Union Hill	O. N. Vandevander			48.60		53.60	254.82	60.00	
Wahalak	Wiley Pope	152.62							Mrs. R. W. Bethney
	Totals	\$3,082.17	\$437.85	\$674.05	\$48.00	\$270.24	\$4,463.25	\$895.63	\$9,871.69

HISTORICAL TABLE

CHURCH HELD WITH	Month		MODERATOR	SEC. TREAS.	PREACHER	No. Churches	Membership
	Year						
Antioch -----	Oct.	1921	H. C. Joyner-----	A. C. Furr-----	H. T. McLaurin-----	11	727
Friendship -----	Oct.	1922	J. H. Newton-----	A. C. Furr-----	J. H. Newton-----	13	644
Blackwater -----	Oct.	1923	J. H. Newton-----	A. C. Furr-----	E. E. Huntberry-----	13	714
Bay Springs-----	Oct.	1924	S. C. Trammell-----	A. C. Furr-----	J. E. Byrd-----	14	812

PRESIDENTS OF B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. SUPTS. SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	PRES. W. M. U.	PRES. B. Y. P. U.	SUPT of SUNDAY SCHOOLS
Antioch -----			
Bay Springs -----			
Binnsville -----	Mrs. S. H. Evans, Gelser, Ala.---		W. H. Oliphant, Seoba, Miss.---
Blackwater -----			
Center Bridge -----			
DeKalb -----	W. D. Hopper-----		R. A. Mosley-----
Electric Mills -----			
Friendship -----			
Philadelphia -----			
Islem -----		Eveline Read, Gholson, Miss.---	D. H. Read, Gholson, Miss.---
Seoba -----	Mrs. J. D. Wallace-----	Miss Gladis Madison-----	I. H. Lanier-----
Stedwell -----			J. R. Moore-----
Wahalak -----			
Union Hill -----			Hubard Clark, Gholson, Miss.---

